

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 475

By Kilby

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Samantha Jolene Coffey, 2003 Valedictorian of Oakdale School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Samantha Jolene Coffey is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class at Oakdale School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Samantha Coffey has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Coffey has earned an exemplary 3.857 grade point average; she was an International Finalist for the Paul A. Witty Poetry Contest in 2001 and was the winner of a nomination for the National English Merit Award; and

WHEREAS, Samantha Coffey won first place in the Morgan County Celebrate Literacy 2000 contest and has been voted "Most Likely to Succeed" and "Most Dependable" by her class; she enjoys acting in plays, and writing poetry, short stories, and novels; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Coffey, President of the Beta Club, has served her community by collecting food for the needy, initiating a program to give children in need a good Christmas, and picking up trash around the community; and

WHEREAS, Samantha Coffey's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success, as she prepares to attend Roane State Community College and a four-year university in pursuit of a degree in English Education and a career as an English teacher and writer of fiction; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Coffey's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Mrs. Tammi Coffey and the late Joseph Coffey, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Samantha Jolene Coffey's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2003 Oakdale School Valedictorian, Samantha Jolene Coffey, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.